



## Carlow Educate Together NS The Countdown Continues!

July was a busy month for all those involved in Carlow Educate Together National School. From bag-packing to coffee mornings, parents and children have been getting the word out there in Carlow and raising money so our school can be a success.

The school has also been featured in all the local newspapers with several articles appearing each week in the Nationalist, Carlow People and Carlow First.

The school now has an enrollment of 28 children to start on September 1st. There will be two classes. The first will be for Junior and Senior Infants. The second will take children from 1st class to 3rd class. Simon will take the older classes this year and our new teacher, Aisling, will take the junior class.

Booklists have been developed and we would request that parents forward €110 to our treasurer as soon as they can. Par-

ents can also pay for their books online at our web site.

We should be in our building by 16th August so everyone is welcome to visit. Please ring 087-3128166 in advance to make sure that someone will be there.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Our phone number is 087-3128166.

### Can you help?

Have you any skills that could help Carlow Educate Together NS? We're looking for electricians, accountants, plumbers, carpenters, solicitors and anyone else who has their skills to offer.

Fill out our Skills Questionnaire on our web site: [http://www.carloweducatetogether.ie/home/?page\\_id=46](http://www.carloweducatetogether.ie/home/?page_id=46)



Simon Lewis, principal, outside the school building

### The 100-square project

The 100-square project is to be Carlow Educate Together National School's centrepiece for visitors who come to our school from September 2008. Individuals and businesses are invited to sponsor one or more of 100 canvases.

The sponsor chooses somebody – a child in our school, a local artist or even themselves – to cre-

ate a piece of art on that canvas. The paintings are displayed for the school year in a prominent area along with the sponsor and artist's name. The funds gained from the project will help to keep our school going. Furthermore, at the end of the school year, we propose that our children will select a local charity and the paintings will be auc-

tioned to raise money for the chosen cause.

As well as brightening up our new school, it is a great opportunity to display your business and show your support for our school and a local charity. For more information about the project and our school, please visit <http://www.carloweducatetogether.ie>.

### Second Teacher Sanctioned

Carlow Educate Together National School are delighted to announce its second appointment. Aisling Quinn will be the teacher of our junior classes this year. Aisling has recently moved to the area and has excellent classroom experience. We are looking forward to her joining us.

## Dates for your Diary

5th August—Committee Meeting, Dinn Rí Library Bar, 7:30pm

12th August—Committee Meeting, Dinn Rí Library Bar, 7:30pm

16th August—the school is due to open its doors.

19th August—Committee Meeting—check web site for details or ring 087-3128166

24th August—Bag-packing and shopping trip! Liffey Valley Shopping Centre. Ring for details.

26th August—Committee Meeting, check web site for details or ring 087-3128166

1st September—First day of school. School opens at 8:50am.

3rd September—Staff Meeting—classes finish early

14th September—Graiguecullen Open Day, St. Fiacc's Hall, 12pm-4pm

For most up-to-date diary, please see our web site.

### Book List Information

On request from parents, books will be provided for all children this year in Carlow Educate Together National School. We have set the cost of books and photocopying to be the same price for each year group. The cost is €110.

It would be appreciated if you could pay for your books as soon as possible. Cheques can be made out to "Carlow Educate Together NS" and sent to Carlow Educate Together NS, Unit 5, Shamrock Business Park, Graiguecullen, Carlow Town. You can also pay online by visiting our web site.

Please note that there is a small discretionary fund available to those families who may experience difficulties paying for school activities and equipment. Should you need to access this fund, please speak to the principal. Any requests for the discretionary fund will be treated in complete confidence.